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PATENT

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In re: Reissue Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 3617  
Robert H. Staat  
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COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD : No. 7311-24 RE  
CARS : (207311.0060)

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AMENDMENT

~~This~~ Amendment is made to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2000, having a three month shortened statutory period for response.

Please amend the claims of the application as follows, without prejudice:

~~6.~~ A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car comprising:  
(a) a drawbar with first and second ends, capable of being pivotally mounted within a coupler pocket of a model railroad car;  
(b) a leaf spring formed as an integral part of the first end of the drawbar which extends from the first end of the drawbar;  
(c) a coupler head secured to the second end of the drawbar;  
(d) a cantilever spring formed as an integral part of the drawbar located proximal from the coupler body;  
(e) a magnetically-actuated post pivotally secured to the drawbar which extends downward from the drawbar, and  
(f) a pivotally mounted coupler knuckle, pivotally secured to the second end of the drawbar such that it is in constant contact with the cantilever spring to urge the coupler knuckle to a closed or coupled position, the cantilever spring having a first portion which curves away from the coupler head and a free end curves back toward the coupler knuckle to apply a tangential force to the coupler knuckle, the coupler head containing a pair of stops which limit the movement of the pivotally mounted coupler knuckle.